a census of agriculture. The census herein provided for shall include each State, but shall not include the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, or such other areas or territory over which the United States exercises sovereignty or jurisdiction: Provided, however, That as to the areas excluded from such census it is directed that data available from various Government sources shall be included as an appendix to the report of such census. The Secretary of Commerce is authorized to collect such preliminary or supplementary statistics, either in advance of or after the taking of such census, as are necessary to the initiation, taking, or completion thereof. The inquiries, and the number, form, and subdivisions thereof for the census provided for in this section shall be determined by the Secretary of Commerce. Employees of the Department of Commerce and other departments and independent offices of the Government may, with the consent of the head of the respective department or office, be employed and compensated for field work in connection with each census provided for by this section."

Approved July 16, 1952.

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CHAPTER 913

JOINT RESOLUTION

To extend the time for use of construction reserve funds established under section 511 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended.

July 16, 1952 [H. J. Res. 480]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5 of an Act approved August 8, 1947 (Public Law 384, Eightieth Congress), relating to merchant-marine construction reserve funds established under section 511 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, is hereby amended by striking out "March 31, 1952" and inserting in lieu thereof "March 31, 1953".

Approved July 16, 1952.

61 Stat. 917; 65 Stat. 366.

54 Stat. 1106. 46 USC 1161.

Public Law 572

CHAPTER 919

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the States of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming to negotiate and enter into a compact for the disposition, allocation, diversion, and apportionment of the waters of the Columbia River and its tributaries, and for other purposes.

July 16, 1952 [H. R. 2470]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby given to the States of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming to negotiate and enter into a compact providing for the equitable division and apportionment of the waters of the Columbia River, and all of its tributaries in the States entering into such compact and for matters incidental thereto, upon condition that one qualified person shall be appointed by the President of the United States who shall participate in said negotiations as the representative of the United States and shall make report to Congress of the proceedings and of any compact entered into: Provided, That any such compact shall not be binding or obligatory upon any of the parties thereto unless and until the same shall have been ratified by each of said States and approved by the Congress of the United States. Approved July 16, 1952.

Columbia River compact. Consent of Congress.